EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the thousands of Americans who have come to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. Starting as a grassroots movement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's fateful 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade, the March for Life has grown to over 200,000 participants in recent years. I applaud this year's marchers who traveled across the country, including many from my home state of Illinois, to show their support for the unborn.

Abortion is one of the great tragedies of the last half century. In 2008 there were 1.21 million abortions in the United States, the equivalent of 100,000 abortions per month. I believe we need to continue to work with women, many of whom are afraid of the consequences of an unwanted pregnancy, on the alternatives to abortion. Crisis Pregnancy Centers, for example, provide various services to pregnant women including pre-natal care, counseling, pregnancy tests and information on adoption.

Putting a child up for adoption is never an easy choice, but it is a preferred alternative to abortion. Adoption gives the pregnant woman the opportunity to bring happiness to another family that may not have the ability to have children of their own. According to the Administration for Children and Families and the U.S. Census Bureau, 57,000 children were adopted in the United States in 2009. Those 57,000 children will now have a better chance to have a successful and productive life.

On this, the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, I applaud the hard work of all who were involved in this year's March for Life. I urge my colleagues to support legislation which honors the most innocent of human life.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to congratulate the University of Notre Dame Women's soccer team. The Irish won the NCAA National Championship for the third time with a 1 to 0 win over top-ranked Stanford University on December 5, 2010. The game, played at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC, capped a successful 22-2-2 season. With the spectacular victory, Notre Dame became just the second school in the 29-year history of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship to win three titles, having also won in 1995 and 2004.

The 2010 season was one of many successes for the team. Aside from capturing the championship trophy, Head Coach Randy Waldrum was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Mondo Division I National Coach of the Year. This was the third consecutive season that Coach Waldrum has been recognized for a national coaching honor. In 2008, he was named the Field Turf Tarkett Division I National Coach of the Year and in 2009, he was awarded the Soccer America Division I National Coach of the Year. In his twelve years as coach at Notre Dame, he has posted a 253-36-11 record and has led the team to five national championship games and seven Big East titles. Coach Waldrum was assisted by Coaches Dawn Greathouse and Ken Nuber and volunteer Assistant Coach Jeannette Boudway.

However, Coach Waldrum credits the successful season to the dedication and skill of his players. The 2010 Fighting Irish included: Seniors Rose Augustin, Lauren Fowlkes, Erica Iantorno, Julie Scheidler, and Nikki Weiss; Juniors Courtney Barg, Ellen Bartindale, Molly Campbell, Haley Chamberlain, Brynn Gerstle, Melissa Henderson, Ellen Jantsch, and Jessica Schuveiller; Sophomores Lindsay Brown, Jazmin Hall, Liz McNeil, and Jordan Snyder; and Freshmen Mandy Laddish, Adriana Leon, Kecia Morway, Elizabeth Tucker, Tayler Turner, Rebecca Twining and Elizabeth Wilson. Coach Waldrum noted after the victory, ''To me, we're the best team in the country . . . I'm really proud of the girls.''

The players had many personal successes as well as team victories. Junior All-America Forward Melissa Henderson was named first runner-up for the coveted Hermann Trophy, soccer's national women's player of the year award. She also won the Honda Sports Award given to the nation's top player and was named Big East Offensive Player of the Year. Senior defender and co-captain Lauren Fowlkes, senior forward/midfielder Erica Iantorno and junior midfielder Molly Campbell were ESPN Academic All-District V selections. Lauren was then named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America Women's Soccer Team and was chosen in the first round of the 2011 Women's Professional Soccer Draft. Senior Rose Augustin was chosen in the third round of the draft. The team members worked hard on the field, in the classroom and in service to the community.

I offer my congratulations to the coaches, the players, members of the university administration and the Notre Dame community for their accomplishments this season on the road to the NCAA National Championship.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR. GORDON S. MURRAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Mr. Gordon S. Murray. When Mr. Murray, a retired Wall Street executive, was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer in 2008, he decided rather than quietly and privately succumbing to the disease, he would write a guidebook outlining his investment strategy. In doing so, he helped many Americans make sense of investing.

Mr. Murray, a Baltimore native, spent years working for some of Wall Street's biggest names, including Goldman Sachs. Upon his retirement in 2001, he sought investment advice from Mr. Daniel Goldie of Dimensional Fund Advisors, who introduced him to a new way of understanding investment. Dimensional advisers suggested going against the Wall Street mentality of taking exorbitant risks and attempting to beat the markets. Mr. Murray was quickly convinced of this system's merits and began working for Dimensional as a consultant.

Last year, when brain scans revealed a new tumor, Mr. Murray made the decision to end aggressive treatment, and began to focus on writing a book with Mr. Goldie in an attempt to spread their knowledge to the greater public. They initially self-published the resulting book, ''The Investment Answer,'' which sold out of the original 200,000 copies last fall. Mr. Murray passed away just days before the hardcover version of the book was set to hit shelves. Mr. Murray felt that writing ''The Investment Answer'' was a beneficial experience. He stated, 'To have a purpose and a mission for me has been really special. It probably has added days to my life.' (New York Times, 1/24/2011)

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of Mr. Gordon S. Murray, who proved to be an inspiration through his refusal to let his terminal illness prevent him from achieving his life's work. Mr. Murray will be loved and remembered by many, especially his widow, Randi; his mother; his two sons, Sam and Ben; two sisters, Gillian Koerber and Norma Inglehart; his many friends, colleagues and all who knew him.

HONORING COLLIN RYAN CROSSLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Collin Ryan Crossley. Collin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Collin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Collin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Collin

has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Collin led the refurbishing effort for the horseshoe pits in Claycomo, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Collin Ryan Crossley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCING THE DEFENSE AND DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act, legislation that will reduce defense spending and thereby decrease the deficit over the next 5 years. This legislation serves as an addendum to the Majority's H. Res. 38, a resolution that reduces all non-defense discretionary spending to 2008 levels. If all other discretionary spending is slated for cuts under the Republican plan, then defense should not be exempt.

My bill will reduce government spending by over $36 billion this year and about $182 billion over the next 5 years. The legislation then requires that these funds be dedicated to reducing the deficit. As defense constitutes almost 60 percent of all discretionary spending, it only makes sense that it be included when other discretionary spending is being cut. These figures cannot and should not be ignored.

Even Department of Defense Secretary Gates has acknowledged the need for defense spending reductions saying, ''We must come to realize that not every defense program is necessary, not every defense dollar is sacred or well-spent, and more of everything is simply not sustainable.''

Going back to 2008 levels of defense spending would be approximately a 5 percent reduction. With the President reducing the number of troops in Afghanistan starting this year, we should be able to lessen our current spending on war costs. We also have the support of the American people. According to a recent CBS News Poll, over 50 percent of Americans believe we should reduce defense spending to decrease the Federal deficit. Making reductions to the defense budget can help solve our Nation's long-term fiscal problems.

If the new Majority in Congress really wants to lower the deficit as they claim to, then they must take all spending into consideration.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to rein in wasteful spending and support the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Monday, January 24, 2011 due to travel. If I were present, I would have voted: Nay on rollcall 17, on ordering the previous question, H. Res. 43—Providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels; nay on rollcall 18, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 43—Providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels.

OFFICER DAVID MOORE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this weekend in Indianapolis, we were tragically reminded of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make in order to protect our families.

Officer David Moore of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department was shot four times on Sunday morning during a traffic stop, and he's now fighting for his life in a local hospital.

There's no doubt Officer Moore knew the dangers of police work—his father is retired law enforcement, and his mother still serves on the Indianapolis police department.

But like so many who wear the badge in communities across our Nation, David Moore took an oath to serve and protect others. To run to danger—not away from it.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in praying for Officer Moore and his family. And I ask everyone in this esteemed body to go back to their districts and take the time to thank their local law enforcement officers for the work they do—and the sacrifices they make.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of my colleagues to the plight of Christians and other religious minorities in the Near East and South and Central Asia and to announce that I am introducing legislation which would require the administration to appoint a special envoy for religious minorities in these regions to make this issue a foreign policy priority. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation.

Last October, at least 70 people were killed during a siege on Our Lady of Salvation Church in Baghdad making it the worst massacre of Iraqi Christians since 2003. Less than two months later, extremists bombed the homes of more than a dozen Christian families throughout Baghdad. In a hearing before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, an Iraqi nun testified that the current spate of violence against Christians is worse than anything experienced under the ruthless dictator Saddam Hussein. The U.S. has a moral imperative to ensure that these minorities are protected.

On New Year's Eve, Miriam Fekry, a 22-year-old Egyptian woman posted on her Facebook page before leaving for mass that ''2010 is over. This year has the best memories of my life. Really enjoyed this year. I hope that 2011 is much better. Plz God stay beside me & help make it all true.'' Tragically, that evening Miriam and 22 other people were killed by a suicide bomber in Alexandria, Egypt while coming out of mass at St. Mark and St. Peter Coptic Church. It was the worst violence against the country's Christian minority in a decade. Just ten days after the attack in Alexandria, an off-duty police officer fatally shot a Coptic Christian man and wounded five others Copts on a train in Egypt.

In Afghanistan and Pakistan, countries where the United States has invested its treasure and the lives of countless brave young American soldiers, persecution of Christians runs rampant. On November 7 last year, a Pakistani court sentenced Asia Bibi, a Christian mother of five, to death for the ''crime'' of blasphemy. Only after intervention by the international community was her execution delayed. Her fate remains unclear. Unfortunately this is symptomatic of a much larger problem in Pakistan. Pakistan's blasphemy laws are often used to victimize both religious minorities and Muslims. In fact, Punjab's governor, influential governor, Salman Taseer was shot and killed by his own body guard who reportedly told police, ''that he killed Mr. Taseer because of the governor's opposition to Pakistan's blasphemy law.''

In Afghanistan, a televised broadcast of Afghans being baptized resulted in the arrest of four Christians last August, who were eventually released due to international pressure. However, two Afghan converts to Christianity remain imprisoned on account of their faith. One of the Christian converts who is facing a possible death sentence reportedly said, ''Without my faith I would not be able to live.''

Other religious minorities including the Ahmadis, Baha'is, Zoroastrians and Jews are under increasing pressure in the region.

Last May, militants in Pakistan attacked two Ahmadi mosques in Pakistan killing at least 80 people. While the Ahmadis consider themselves Muslim, Pakistani law does not recognize them as such and they have been the target of large-scale coordinated attacks by extremist groups.

According to the Baha'i World News Service, some 335 Baha'is have been arrested in Iran on account of their religious beliefs. Seven leaders of the Baha'i faith in Iran have been imprisoned since their arrest in 2008. According to the State Department's 2010 International Religious Freedom Report, Zoroastrians living in Iran also face persecution and blatant discrimination.

Members of the Jewish faith continue to experience discrimination and persecution throughout the region. The Special Envoy for Anti-Semitism Hannah Rosenthal has noted that Holocaust glorification ''is especially virulent in the Middle East media.''

In the wake of these devastating attacks on religious freedom, which in some cases are so severe that they literally threaten to wipe these ancient indigenous communities from the lands they've inhabited for centuries, it is clear that more must be done. Sadly, against the backdrop of these attacks, the post of Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department has been vacant for two years.

If the international community fails to speak out, the prospects for religious pluralism and tolerance in the region are bleak. President Ronald Reagan once said that the U.S. Constitution is a "covenant that we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind."

I believe that the United States has an obligation to speak out for the voiceless around the world, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting my legislation calling for a special envoy dedicated to speaking out for religious minorities in the Near East and South and Central Asia and elevating this issue as a foreign policy priority for America.

HONORING JOSEPH DANIEL MOSS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Daniel Moss. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Daniel Moss for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING MS. JUANITA BRADLEY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize a member of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776, located in my congressional district in Riverside, Ohio, for the service she has given to her community.

On November 6, 2010, Ms. Juanita Bradley was honored as the "Woman of the Year" in Dayton, Ohio, for her lifetime of work and dedication to assist needy families in Dayton and the surrounding communities.

Ms. Bradley is the founder and chairman of the American Legion Post 776 "Needy Family Committee" which has provided holiday food baskets to needy families in Dayton for over 25 years. Under Ms. Bradley's guidance and leadership, the number of families receiving food baskets has grown from 12 to 60 families. These baskets, which are delivered on the third Saturday in December, are the size of a large laundry basket, and are filled with a variety of perishable and non-perishable items.

Ms. Bradley and her committee also serve hot meals to a homeless residence at the St. Vincent Hotel on a monthly basis. Most of the meals served are cooked by Ms. Bradley herself.

Ms. Bradley is also the Chair of "Make a Difference Day," which for two years has "adopted" the children of service men and women who have been deployed overseas. The event offers an alternative to trick-or-treating by hosting a Halloween party where kids can enjoy pizza, sodas, and other treats in a safe and fun environment. Last year, the event also provided the children with phone cards that could be used to call their parents during the holidays.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest, nonprofit patriotic women's service organization whose members do volunteer work for a multitude of worthwhile causes that benefit America's veterans, children and communities. It is my pleasure to congratulate Ms. Juanita Bradley for her receipt of the "Woman of the Year" award in Dayton, Ohio.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. PAULA BUONOMO'S 14 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a true friend and valued public servant, Ms. Paula Buonomo, for her years of dedicated service to the constituents of the Massachusetts Third Congressional District. After 14 years as District Representative in my Worcester Congressional Office, Paula is retiring to spend more time with her family and especially her beautiful baby granddaughter, Abigail.

Paula joined my Worcester office early in my first term in 1997. Since that time she has exhibited consistent excellence and shown a thoughtful and compassionate hand in all of her work. She has been tireless in her approach with constituents, always welcoming and personable, a model of patient kindness. Most of all, Paula has been a delight to work with these many years, and I know that I speak not only for myself, but for my entire staff when I say that we will all miss her dearly.

It is bittersweet to say goodbye to a beloved and loyal colleague, but I know that Paula will remain involved in many other important efforts, including her work at the Worcester County Food Bank, where she serves on the board, and her church, St. Matthew's Parish of Worcester. Whatever projects or ventures she takes on, I am confident that Paula will continue to make a positive difference in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing Ms. Paula Buonomo for her many years of dedicated public service to the constituents of the Massachusetts Third Congressional District, and for the indispensable role she has played as one of my most trusted and valued staff members. I wish her only the best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING RYAN JACOB ROBERTS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Jacob Roberts. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ryan designed and constructed a picnic area in the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's Trail of Heroes park, as a place of significant importance to Ryan as both his father and brother are Kansas City Police officers.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Jacob Roberts for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening, Monday, January 24, 2011, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 17 (on ordering the previous question), and "no" on rollcall vote No. 18 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 43).

SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION, MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS' WARNING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the outgoing Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, Major General Arnold Fields, issued a last warning yesterday before moving on from his post.

Fields warned that over $11 billion of U.S. aid is at risk, citing insufficient planning and a lack of oversight. The $11 billion are funds designated to build facilities to house and train Afghan security forces.

The lack of security in Afghanistan also poses a problem, placing any potentially beneficial projects that are completed at risk. Even if all the facilities scheduled to be built are completed, does Afghanistan have the capability to protect and maintain them?

A March 2010 report by the United Nations states that there is a ''massive human rights deficit'' in Afghanistan, with 36 percent of the population living in absolute poverty and another 37 percent living just above the poverty line. Only 23 percent of the country has access to clean water. This, despite the billions of dollars in reconstruction and development aid we have funneled into the country.

So where is our money going? We know that President Karzai and his cronies are living large, while the rest of the country falters. It is time to bring our troops home.

HONORING ZACH ILDZA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zach Ildza. Zach is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zach has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zach has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zach has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zach Ildza for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MR. SCOTT MAHER

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the National Franchisee Association, NFA, which serves the Burger King community in its advocacy, training, and service-related functions and which is located in Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Mr. Scott Maher, a 25-year employee of the Coca-Cola Company.

This year, Mr. Maher celebrates a landmark anniversary as an employee of the Coca-Cola Company. In his 25 years, he has dedicated himself to providing excellent service, honoring his commitments as a businessman and serving as a friendly face to the Coca-Cola name. In relation to the NFA, Mr. Maher actively advocates on behalf of small business owners around the country by supporting—both financially and personally—NFA's Government Relations Summit every year. Every September, you can count on Mr. Maher to schedule a meeting with my office through NFA to discuss the effects of anti-business legislation on NFA members and, consequently, the Coca-Cola Company.

The NFA is eternally grateful for Mr. Maher's support of the franchising industry and of Burger King franchisees in particular. Congratulations on 25 years of service with the Coca-Cola Company and I wish you many more to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, on January 24, 2011, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 17 and 18. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall 17 and ''no'' on rollcall 18.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN REGARDING THE TAKEOVER OF LEBANON'S INSTITUTIONS BY THE TERRORIST GROUP HEZBOLLAH

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, more than a week ago, a coalition led by the terrorist organization Hezbollah caused the crumbling of the Lebanese Government. Hezbollah is now seeking to form a new cabinet where the organization and its allies would control many crucial Lebanese ministries—including defense, interior, foreign affairs, and the finances of the country.

This is an unprecedented power grab by a terrorist organization, which has a global reach in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and even on our southern border and perhaps inside the United States itself. Hezbollah is the proxy army of Iran, and Iran has made it into the most well-trained and well-funded terrorist group in the world. The situation in Lebanon, and the growing global power of Hezbollah, should be a great cause of concern to Americans.

The people of Lebanon, particularly the Lebanese youth, have been demonstrating in the streets of Beirut, Tripoli and other areas, sending America a clear message about their rejection of Hezbollah. For some time now, Lebanon has been under the threat of Hezbollah's powerful militia, which has thousands of rockets and missiles, and whose members—according to media reports—are likely to be indicted in the 2005 terror assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri. Hezbollah is using this militia to threaten and bully Lebanon so that it can create a new government that would become a puppet of the Iranian regime, much like the Syrian regime. We must not let Iran gain further influence in the Middle East.

I ask Congress and the President to declare its solidarity with the Lebanese people and to reject any recognition of a Hezbollah government. I also call on the President to ask the United Nations to implement UNSCR 1559, which calls for disarming of militias in Lebanon, which are a threat to all of its peace-loving people. I also ask my colleagues in Congress to issue strong statements of support for the Cedars Revolution and to the people of Lebanon as they face the takeover of their country by terrorist organization Hezbollah.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FREEDOM ACT OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to reintroduce the International Women's Freedom Act with my colleagues, Representatives CHAKA FATTAH, JIM MORAN, JERRY MCNERNEY, LYNN WOOLSEY, and TIM RYAN. This bill is a comprehensive piece of legislation which will increase awareness of human rights violations against women, as well as provide a set of mechanisms for the U.S. to address the violations of women's human rights abroad.

The bill is modeled after the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, IRFA. IRFA created the U.S. Commission on Religious Freedom which has been successful in identifying violations of religious freedom abroad and recommending actions to Congress, the Secretary of State, and the President.

It has been clear for many years that expanding opportunities for women not only improves their position in society, but also has a positive impact on economic growth and burgeoning democracies. As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton has stated publicly regarding American foreign policy, ''there has to be special attention paid to the needs of women and girls. It's in America's national security interests to do so.'' And yet around the world, many countries relegate women to second-class status, denying them the right to vote, restricting their travel, and limiting their access to education and health care.

The International Women's Freedom Act would ensure we have the tools to empower women on a global level. Modeled after the successful International Religious Freedom Act, the bill would establish a Commission on International Women's Rights and would expand the duties of the existing Office of International Women's issues in the State Department and rename it, the Office on International Women's Rights. Both the Commission and the Office on International Women's Rights would be granted the responsibilities of issuing a report on the status of women's rights abroad and advising the President and Secretary of State regarding matters affecting these issues.

We need to work harder to ensure women's full participation in society. This legislation would move us closer to achieving this foreign policy imperative.

HONORING MAHLON KRUSE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mahlon Kruse. Mahlon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Civil Air Patrol and earning the most prestigious General Billy Mitchell Award.

Mahlon has been very active with his patrol, participating in many activities. Over the many

years Mahlon has been involved with the patrol, he has not only earned numerous decorations, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mahlon has earned the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Platte Valley Squadron and further distinguished his record at Hawk Mountain Ranger School and at the National Glider Flight Academy. Mahlon has also maintained an impressive 3.97 GPA and is also planning on serving his country by attending the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mahlon Kruse for his accomplishments with the Civil Air Patrol and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Mitchell Award.

HONORING MR. BOB SHRYOCK, RESPECTED JOURNALIST AND ADMIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH JERSEY COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Shryock for his contributions to South Jersey through his journalism and civic involvement.

Mr. Shryock began his long and successful writing career at the age of 11 as a daily golf columnist. Since this precocious start, Mr. Shryock has worked for 62 years in the newspaper industry and written over 10,000 columns. He began his South Jersey career as sports editor for the Gloucester County Times in 1964. During this time, Mr. Shryock hired me for my first job. It was my responsibility to call Mr. Shryock and report on Bellmawr Little League scores. It was a duty I took very seriously and I remain grateful for that opportunity to this day. Between 1969 and 1980, Mr. Shryock was managing editor for both the Gloucester County Times and the Camden Courier Post. His columns are still a highlight for me in the Gloucester County Times.

Mr. Shryock is a very active member of the South Jersey sports community and has been a high school football announcer for over 30 years. In 1967, Mr. Shryock co-founded the Touchdown Club of South Jersey to honor high school football players. The club has expanded over the years to honor athletes for both their athletic achievements and their academic successes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have benefitted from Mr. Shryock's sage words for many years. I look forward to reading many more columns from Bob and I hope that he will continue to announce at football games for many years to come.

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the founding of Fort Lewis College, of Durango, Colorado, on January 25, 1911. Fort Lewis College has continually provided a world-class liberal arts education for students of 47 States and is consistently recognized as a top university in the United States.

On January 25, 1911, Governor John Shafroth signed a bill creating an agricultural high school open to all students and offering a free education to Native Americans. The school received $60,000 in funding for its first year from the State of Colorado. Since then, Fort Lewis College has proven itself able to adapt to the educational needs of its time. The school has progressed from agricultural high school to a junior college in 1927 and eventually a four year liberal arts college. The school has survived numerous attempts to shut it down, and in 1948 became an independent educational institution under the Colorado State Board of Agriculture. In 1956, Fort Lewis College, then Fort Lewis A&M, officially moved to its present location in Durango, Colorado.

Fort Lewis College offers a demanding, stimulating college experience, fostering a culture of learning that values community outreach and a strong liberal arts education. Fort Lewis College boasts an impressive list of accomplishments, including five Colorado Professor of the Year awards—only the U.S. Air Force Academy has a higher number of professors with the same distinction in Colorado. Of four year institutions, Fort Lewis College awards the highest number of bachelor's degrees to Native Americans. Eleven NCAA Division II varsity teams compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and the college offers ninety unique academic programs and seventy student organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Fort Lewis College, my alma mater, for turning 100, and wish the institution another 100 years of academic success.

RECOGNIZING THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT EARNED BY TYLER BARRY

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Barry of Marathon, NY. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. At the age of 6, Tyler began Scouting and over the years, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Tyler has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler designed and constructed a handicap ramp for St. Stephen's Church, of which he is an active member.

Tyler plays three sports at Marathon High School, has a part-time job and also plays in band with some of his peers.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Barry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE HENRY WHITE DAY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of George Henry White Day being held in Tarboro, North Carolina on Saturday, January 29, 2011. That day will mark the 110th anniversary of Congressman George Henry White's famous farewell speech Floor of the United States House of Representatives.

Born on December 18, 1853, George Henry White was the only African American in Congress when he was elected in 1896 and re-elected in 1898. He was the last African American elected to Congress from the post-Civil War era.

George Henry White left Congress in 1901, and it would be almost 30 years before another African American would be elected to Congress. And, as we know, no blacks were elected to Congress from the South until 1972; well after the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

George Henry White was a strong and gifted speaker, who often condemned the harsh and brutal treatment of blacks in the South and introduced the first anti-lynching legislation in Congress.

In 2002, the Tarboro Town Council approved a resolution declaring January 29 as the annual George Henry White Day in Tarboro. In 2003, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners approved a similar resolution declaring January 29 as the annual George Henry White Day in Edgecombe County.

On June 25, 2004, the Tarboro Post Office was officially named the George Henry White Post Office Building after the President signed a legislation I introduced into Congress.

On George Henry White Day, January 29, 2005, the Phoenix Historical Society unveiled a commissioned portrait of George Henry White in the Superior Court Room of the Edgecombe County Court House following approval by the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners.

In 2007, I introduced legislation urging the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to consider honoring George Henry White with a commemorative postage stamp. I reintroduced the legislation in 2009, and I will again reintroduce this legislation during the 112th Congress.

Last year, the North Carolina Historical Commission approved recommendations of the Capitol Monument Study Committee to lift a moratorium of new monuments on the state capitol square to include among others a monument to commemorate the achievements and public statements of U.S. Representative George Henry White.

Mr. Speaker, George Henry White fearlessly and consistently stirred the conscience of America to embrace racial justice and equality for all people. It was a life worthy of remembering. Please join me in recognizing George Henry White, and in sending our best wishes to the Phoenix Historical Society, which organized the George Henry White Day.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE BRAD BRADLEY FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Brad Bradley and his commitment to community service in Southlake, Texas. As recognition for his outstanding contributions to his community, the Southlake Style Magazine is honoring Judge Bradley with the Lifetime Community Service Award.

Judge Bradley was born in Peabody, Massachusetts, graduated from Northeastern University, and attended New England School of Law. After moving to Texas, Judge Bradley graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Juris Doctorate. Judge Bradley has had a distinguished legal and judicial career in Northeast Tarrant County. After deciding to stay in Texas as municipal judge, Judge Bradley established the first law office in Southlake, Texas.

After settling in Southlake in 1983, he recognized the need for civic organizations to benefit the growing community. As a creative planner and master organizational architect, Judge Bradley is credited with creating or cofounding at least twenty-nine vital organizations in the greater Southlake community. These organizations include the Southlake Chamber of Commerce, Southlake Executive Forum, educational foundations, community organizations, and charitable organizations to benefit disadvantaged citizens. Because of his vision, hard work, and strategic thinking, the vast majority of these organizations continue to fulfill their missions and goals. Of particular note is Judge Bradley's work in establishing the MetroPort Teen Court to provide alternative sentencing of teens by local municipal courts; the Carroll Education Foundation, which has provided more than $839,000 in teacher grants and $109,000 in scholarships for graduating seniors in the local school district; and the Pro Players Foundation, a nonprofit organization pairing professional athletes with businesses and community volunteers to enrich the lives of children and ensure they have the opportunity for success. As an innovative public servant, Judge Bradley has been the cornerstone of development and growth in Southlake.

Since 1987, Judge Bradley has been elected to numerous positions as judge, including the Municipal Court Judge of Southlake, 1987. He has also served or currently serves as Judge in Westlake, Haslet, Grapevine, Southlake, Trophy Club, Balch Springs, Edgecliff Village, and Burleson, Texas.

On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I would like to thank Judge Bradley for his exceptional judicial career and community service contributions to the greater Southlake area. Because of his leadership and expertise, thousands of residents in Southlake and Northeast Tarrant County receive vital services each year. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Judge Bradley for his lifetime of community service.

DAVE DILL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Lee Dill of Pueblo, Colorado, for his service to his community and his immense contribution to local, State, and Federal Government.

Dave was born in Lamar, Missouri, and moved around the State until he graduated from high school in Springfield. After his diploma, Dave served in the Navy and trained to be a hospital corpsman. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy he went back to night school at Drury College in Springfield to earn his bachelor's in history while he simultaneously worked full-time and started a family. He has spent a career rising through the ranks of the operations management field in various States and in 1994 was promoted to vice president of operations at Artistic Greetings, in Elmira, New York. By 1997, Dave and his family decided they needed to move back home to Pueblo, Colorado.

Dave has always been intensely interested in government and has dedicated much of his life to fostering strong civic ties between citizens and elected officials. While living in Colorado Springs as a young man, Dave's employer suggested he meet his Congressman and other office holders. Since then, Dill has felt a need to serve others and motivate them to care about their elected representatives.

Dill has risen through the ranks of the Republican Party, starting as a volunteer on local races and eventually becoming a valuable electoral asset working on statewide and congressional campaigns. In 2007, he saw an opportunity to advance the political dialogue in the diverse Pueblo community and ran successfully for two terms as Republican County Chairman. During his tenure, he revolutionized the Pueblo County Republican Party by revamping fundraising efforts and increasing outreach through social media. He was also responsible for inviting Dana Perino as the keynote speaker at Pueblo County's 2010 Lincoln Day dinner. He has decided to retire from his unpaid, yet full-time, position as county chair.

Mr. Speaker, through the efforts of citizens like David Dill, America is able to foster a positive, representative democracy. I would like to thank Mr. Dill for his respectfulness, passion, and excitement in electoral politics, as well as for his countless hours of community service.

HONORING NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR NIA GILL AND HER COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Senator Nia Gill for her contributions to the 34th legislative district of New Jersey and its residents.

A proud mother and grandmother, Senator Gill was born in Glen Ridge and raised in Montclair. Before earning her law degree at the Rutgers School of Law—Newark, Senator Gill graduated from Upsala College. Senator Gill also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from Essex County College.

Ms. Gill began her career in government as a Legislative Aide to the late Senator Wynona Lipman, over 20 years ago. After serving four terms in the New Jersey State Assembly, Ms. Gill was elected to the New Jersey State Senate in 2001. Senator Gill's district includes Montclair, East Orange, Glen Ridge, Clifton, and Woodland Park.

In January of 2010, Ms. Gill was chosen by her Senate colleagues to serve as Senate President Pro Tempore. Currently, Senator Gill is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, making her the first African American and the first woman to hold this position.

An advocate for human rights, Senator Gill has sponsored legislation that provided more than 100,000 young, uninsured New Jersey citizens with health insurance coverage. Ms. Gill has also assisted women-owned businesses in New Jersey with a bill providing loans and training, ensuring that these businesses are able to prosper in the future.

A respected member of the legislative community, Senator Gill was honored by Selma, Alabama as one of the '100 women in the 20th Century' who contributed to the struggle for civil rights. Senator Gill will also be honored as a community leader by the Rutgers School of Law—Camden at the Champions of Social Justice and Equality Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Senator Gill and thank her for her legislative accomplishments on behalf of the state of New Jersey and its residents.

IN HONOR OF OLAN FAULK, FORMER MAYOR OF RICHLAND, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great public servant to the State of Georgia and our great Nation, Olan Faulk. His work as a rural educator, a community action program administrator, a long-time and effective aide for former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, and as Mayor of his adopted hometown of Richland, Georgia, are proof positive that Olan Faulk made a difference with his life.

At the age of 80, Mr. Faulk, entered into his eternal rest on Thursday, January 20, 2011. He was born on September 17, 1930 in Cairo, Georgia, one of four children, to the late Elijah and Missy Powell Faulk.

Mr. Faulk was a graduate of Washington High School in Cairo. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Valley State College, now Fort Valley State University, where he was a dedicated lifetime member of the Fort Valley State University National Alumni Association. He taught vocational agriculture for 7 years in the Stewart County School System and later worked for 13 years as Program Developer and Director of Operations for the Enrichment Services Program in Columbus, Georgia. He bravely served his country during the Korean War.

Mr. Faulk's distinguished public service career is highlighted through his work as a Senior Administrative Aide to one of our Nation's most influential and respected Members of Congress, Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia. Following Mr. Faulk's retirement from Senator Nunn's office, Mr. Faulk dedicated himself to full-time community service in his adopted hometown of Richland, Georgia. In 1998, he was elected as the city's first African American mayor, successfully serving two terms.

With an unyielding humanitarian spirit, he served on many city and state boards, councils, and committees. His many memberships and appointments included lifetime membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); a member of the Stewart-Webster Rural Health Board of Directors; the Columbus, Fort Benning, and Phenix, Georgia Civilian Military Council; the A. J. McChung YMCA Board of Directors; the Muscogee County Rotary Club; the Georgia Municipal Association, and a proud lifetime member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

Mr. Faulk was an active volunteer for many organizations and projects, including serving as volunteer sponsor of the Richland Annual Pig Fest, the Stewart County Historical Society, and Habitat for Humanity. In 1993, he was honored as one of the Fifty Most Influential African Americans in the Columbus, Phenix, and Fort Benning Area. In 1996, he was honored when the city of his birth, Cairo, proclaimed December 1 as ''Olan Faulk Day.''

A true Christian, Mr. Faulk was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, AME, Church of Richland, where he served as a church steward and trustee. He later joined the Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church in Savannah, where he remained an active member.

Mr. Faulk is survived by his loving family: his wife, Risco Faulk; his son, Wendell Faulk of Buena Vista, Georgia; four daughters, Vickie Faulk Clemons of McDonough, Georgia; Angela Mobley Chavis, Marilyn Mobley Geiger, and Carolyn Mobley Pierce, all of Savannah; his brother, Outley Faulk of Milledgeville, Georgia; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, Olan Faulk was a great public servant, model citizen, and a trusted friend to my wife, Vivian, and me. His years of selfless service to his community, the State of Georgia, and America are his lasting legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my practice to vote present on a legislative proposal when I agree with the purposes and sentiment behind the proposal, but I believe that the particular legislative proposal is not drafted in a way which will achieve its objective or in a way that is effective and practicable, or where I believe that the language will have unintended consequences. I voted present on the motion to recommit which came before the House today. I strongly believe that we should take all reasonable steps to encourage companies to provide employment in the U.S. and to discourage offshoring and outsourcing.

HONORING COLONEL DENISE K. LEW

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to herald the achievements of Colonel Denise K. Lew and to acknowledge our pride in her valuable contributions to the United States Air Force Medical Service.

Colonel Lew was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She entered active duty in 1984 through a direct commission into the Air Force Medical Service Corps (MSC). She is a board certified Health Care Executive, and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has also earned designations as a Health Insurance Associate and Managed Healthcare Professional from The Center for Insurance Education and Professional Development, which is an educational program offered by America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

Colonel Lew has received numerous awards and honors throughout her career. Among them are the: Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters. In 1996, she received the American College of Healthcare Executives Early Career Regent's Award. Also, in 2002, she earned the Air Force Materiel Command Commitment to Service Award.

Colonel Lew will be completing an outstanding 26-year career in the United States Air Force in January 2011. She has served with dedication and honor as a Medical Service Corps officer. Furthermore, as the Director of the Medical Service Corps, she has greatly impacted the careers of hundreds of health care executives in the Corps and will influence several generations beyond the tenure of her career. Her efforts have enhanced the medical capability needed to ensure success in overseas contingency operations. It is for this reason that we would like to honor and recognize the remarkable career of Colonel Lew.

The Tampa community and MacDill Air Force Base are proud to recognize Colonel Lew for her outstanding career and her many significant contributions to the Air Force and our country. Her determination and hard work have made her an inspirational leader within our Air Force.

HONORING MR. SETH WILLIAMS, PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor District Attorney Seth Williams for his service and dedication to the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding community.

Raised in West Philadelphia by his loving parents Imelda and Rufus Williams, Mr. Williams graduated from Central High School in 1985. He later attended Pennsylvania State University, where he served as President of the Black Caucus and President of the Undergraduate Student Government. He continued on to graduate studies at Georgetown University where he earned his law degree.

After law school, he served ten years as the assistant district attorney of Philadelphia and as the Inspector General for the city until 2008.

Mr. Williams' dedication and drive proved vital on his path to the District Attorney's office. His perseverance pushed him through last year's Democratic primary and the general election last November. Mr. Williams' election made him the first black District Attorney in Philadelphia history.

District Attorney Williams currently lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Sonita, his mother Imelda, and his two daughters, Taylor and Hope. I am pleased that Mr. Williams will soon be honored as a community leader by the Rutgers School of Law-Camden at the Champions of Social Justice and Equality Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, Seth Williams has an impressive record and I wish him continued successes in his future endeavors.

HONORING ROGER MILLIKEN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Roger Milliken, a dear friend and true champion of American workers and manufacturing. Roger passed away on December 30 after a long life of hard work and passionate advocacy. His passing signals the end of an era when corporate leaders valued more than profits and when American companies did not jump at the first chance to ship jobs overseas just to save a buck.

Milliken was larger than life in many ways. He had many passions and lived vibrantly. We are fortunate for this, because it means his legacy will still be here to inspire us to do more and work harder. It will also remind us to never give up on U.S. manufacturing and the idea that you can make things in America.

In fact, it was Roger's commitment to American manufacturing that sparked our friendship. About six years ago, Roger came to my office on Capitol Hill without any previous introduction. He walked into my office nearly unannounced at the respectable age of 90 to shake hands and talk about our common concerns with U.S. trade policy's impact on our manufacturing sector. He introduced himself and forged a friendship with me, a new and far-from-senior Member of Congress, simply because he wanted to thank me for my attention to manufacturing and trade and to encourage me to continue the fight to make U.S. policy on both issues better.

One funny anecdote in particular speaks to Roger's honest, friendly character. I couldn't be at an event one morning, so one of my staff went in my place. Roger was at the event, and listened to my staffer's speech, which she had to give sitting down because she didn't feel well. After her remarks, Roger

went up to her and seeing that she wasn't feeling very good and knowing she had recently gotten married, said, "have you considered the possibility that you're pregnant." My staffer had not even considered that idea but a few days later confirmed that Roger's prediction had been right. And that's the kind of guy he was, compassionate and honest in the best way. Now everyone knows Roger Milliken had enormous foresight, but this took it to a whole new level.

Our friendship was not an obvious one. Roger was a mill owner, and before I came to Congress I was a mill worker. Roger was a Republican, and I am a Democrat. He lived a long life in South Carolina, and I come from Maine. Still, Roger was the kind of guy who looked for commonalities, regardless of the number of differences. And we shared a commitment to fixing U.S. trade policy and promoting U.S. manufacturing.

Roger truly believed in innovation and hard work as the keys to being good at making things. And he believed in a corporate code of morals. He rolled up his sleeves, got involved in the day-to-day workings of his company and pushed his employees to do the best work they could. And through these qualities, he created the largest privately held textile empire in the world. He also became a pioneer of corporate patriotism and firmly held the belief that profits didn't have to come at the expense of American jobs. He believed the strength of our nation relied on a strong manufacturing base. He lived what he preached.

One story is very telling about Roger's commitment to his country and to his employees. In 1995, one of his plants in LaGrange, Georgia burned to the ground. This tragedy happened right after NAFTA had passed, and it would have been a perfect opportunity to move his plant to Mexico to take advantage of lower labor costs. But he did not do that. Instead, Roger found temporary jobs for all of his employees and said he would have the plant up and running again in 6 months. He moved down to LaGrange to personally oversee the rebuilding of the plant, and in true Roger form, the plant was back up and operational right on schedule.

It's unlikely there will ever be another Roger Milliken. He was truly one-of-a-kind. But our country needs more leaders like him who are guided by principles and not by profits. It needs more corporations who are committed to their country. More who believe that the best solution is not always the easiest solution but that hard work and creativity will forge a better, more sustainable path. We need more corporations to carry Roger's torch of corporate patriotism and a commitment to making things in America.

I urge all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to work with me to remember Roger Milliken. Through bipartisan, collaborative efforts to promote American manufacturing and to fix our trade policy, we can make the most of the paths he forged and the standards he set. We can honor him in the way he would have wanted to be honored: by being more innovative, working harder and advancing the notion that corporate patriotism is better and more sustainable for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing sincerest condolences to Roger's family, Milliken Company and Associates, all of his community in South Carolina, to his co-advocates in the manufacturing and trade community and all those who were blessed to know him. He will be missed.

HONORING FREDERICK ''RICK'' OBER, RESPECTED WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rick Ober for his service to the students of Woodrow Wilson High School.

A graduate of Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Mr. Ober practiced criminal law in Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania prior to beginning his teaching career. He currently teaches U.S. history, urban studies, civics and government at Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden.

Mr. Ober also leads the school's award-winning New Jersey Model Congress Team and acts as an advisor for the student government. Additionally, he was elected as the union head for Woodrow Wilson's Camden Education Association.

Mr. Ober is also a founder of the Woodrow Wilson High School Candidate's Forum, a program that brings politicians, including Senator Arlen Specter and Governor Jon Corzine, into the school to discuss current political issues with the students. Incorporating his love of music and teaching, Mr. Ober is involved with the Symphony in C of Haddonfield both through performance and education. Mr. Ober has also brought classical music education to underserved communities through the Classroom Symphony Project. Mr. Ober helped to develop a program that prepared developmentally disabled adults to attend symphony performances.

I am happy to announce that Mr. Ober will soon be honored as a community leader by Rutgers School of Law-Camden at the Champions of Social Justice and Equality Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Ober for his work with the students of Woodrow Wilson High School and his efforts to bring government to life for the children of Camden.

HONORING RALPH GILL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Ralph Gill, for his exceptional service to the Parish of Rapides on the occasion of his retirement as Tax Assessor. After 42 years of service in the Rapides Parish Assessor's Office, Mr. Gill's retirement becomes effective January 31, 2011.

While in this capacity, Mr. Gill served as assessor for the past 16 years and credits the work as both a challenging and rewarding experience that has more than fulfilled his life's goal of serving the public. He is very proud of his accomplishments during his tenure as Tax Assessor and is grateful to the people of Rapides Parish for the confidence and support they gave him throughout his career. Mr. Gill believes his success would not have been possible without the support of the outstanding men and women he has worked with throughout the years.

Following his rewarding career of community service, he looks forward to spending more time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He also plans to work on his farm and possibly enjoy some traveling.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Ralph Gill, a man who has served the people of Rapides Parish for over four decades. His commitment, compassion and leadership warrant this laudable recognition.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAXES PERMANENT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced legislation that would make the deduction for state and local sales taxes permanent. Unlike state income taxes, the deductibility of which has long been a permanent fixture of the tax code, the citizens in states with only a sales tax—including my home state of Florida—have been forced to rely on short-term extensions of the sales tax deduction from year to year.

Without this deduction, taxpayers in the nine states with no state income tax, including Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, would not have the opportunity to deduct from their federal tax obligation the sales taxes paid to their state and local governments. This measure helps to level the playing field for the taxpayers in these states, allowing them to deduct state taxes like those in income tax states. Making this deduction permanent enjoys broad bipartisan support, and more than 11 million taxpayers utilized this deduction in 2008.

Making the deduction permanent provides certainty to the taxpayers, allows for more efficient financial planning, and ensures fairness in the tax code for taxpayers in states without an income tax.

In closing, I urge the Committee on Ways and Means to consider this proposal as they begin to consider ways to make the tax code simpler and more efficient.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELE JACKSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michele Jackson, Executive Director of Shelter Network for the last 10 years. Michele is a true professional and has been an exceptional leader of this wonderful agency. Shelter Network, a godsend to our country, has helped thousands of homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County find homes and become self-sufficient since 1987.

As a member of the advisory board I have witnessed how Michele and Shelter Network have turned lives around and reintegrated homeless families into our community.

She initiated the designing, opening and maintaining of shelters that meet the needs of homeless families. In 2000, she oversaw the rebuilding and reopening of Haven Family House in Menlo Park. She led campaigns to rebuild First Step for Families in San Mateo in 2004 and to renovate Redwood Family House in Redwood City in 2006.

Michele has turned Shelter Network into a model organization for our community, our county and the world. Under her guidance, services for homeless families and individuals have expanded and new ones created, among them the Motel Voucher and Homeless Outreach programs, The Vendome which houses chronically homeless adults, rapid re-housing and prevention initiatives like Housing First and HPRP, mental health services for children and the Shelter Network's Alumni Association.

In addition to running Shelter Network, Michele has dedicated her time and energy to volunteer for many worthy causes. She is a board member of HEART, the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, and of Local Emergency Food and Shelter FEMA/EHAP. Michele is the Chair of the Executive Committee for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care, a member of the Interagency Council for HOPE: San Mateo County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. She also is a member of CHRAC, the Community Health Reform Advocacy Committee, and San Mateo County's Housing Operations and Policy Committee. Michele serves as the secretary and board member of Riley's Place, a non-profit organization dedicated to enrich the lives of low-income or chronically ill children through interaction with animals.

Michele's altruism and dedication to those in need have earned her many friends and fans—including myself—and well deserved awards. In 2003, she received the Heart of Social Work Award from the National Council on Social Work Education for excellence in field instruction. In 2010, she was presented with the Housing Leadership Day Award by San Mateo County's Housing Leadership Council.

Michele earned both her Bachelor and Masters of Social Work from San Francisco State University.

She lives in Belmont with her husband Bill Jackson. I have no doubt she will stay engaged in the community during her retirement and find more time to enjoy her family, ride her horse Tywy, spend time with her new puppy, travel and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring Michele Jackson for her decade as Executive Director of Shelter Network and for her three decades in social work on this day of her retirement, January 26, 2011.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BOLDENWECK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Boldenweck, who leaves behind an extraordinary legacy as a journalist and teacher. Mr. Boldenweck passed away January 11, 2011, at the age of 79 and is survived by his wife Lynn Boldenweck and two sons William C. Boldenweck III and Stephen Boldenweck.

Mr. Boldenweck spent over three decades as a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner and two decades as a journalism teacher at San Francisco State University. He started his journalism career after his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps reserve.

Mr. Boldeweck, a Portland, Oregon native, was called up in the Korean War in 1950. He was in combat in the Inchon invasion, a battle that recaptured Seoul. He was also at the legendary battle at Chosin Few, the decisive battle of the Korean War. He never missed a reunion of that veterans group.

After the war, Mr. Boldenweck enrolled in San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University. He became a reporter at the Marin Independent Journal and was quickly snatched by the Examiner in 1960.

Mr. Boldenweck was a classic newspaper reporter, the kind that are far and few between today. His colleagues admired his ability as a journalist saying he could cover any story and was the best barroom story teller of his generation. He was also loved by his friends for his affable personality.

On the first day of class every semester at San Francisco State University, he shocked his beginning journalism students by making them write their own obituaries. His justification for that was that it would help them impart the reality of journalism and make them focus on the facts that matter.

At the end of his own life, though, he left the writing of his obituary to his fellow reporters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring an extraordinary man of letters, William Boldenweck, who I was blessed to call a friend, for his service to our country and for his dedication and contributions to the profession of journalism.